

Claims

- [c1] 1. An improved ghillie suit, comprising:
a net matrix defining the approximate shape of the ghillie suit;;
a plurality of elongated strips of camouflage material attached to said net matrix in sufficient numbers and arrangement to define a three-dimensional camouflage layer;
a substantially continuous and flexible band engaged with said net matrix at the perimeter thereof and defining a handling loop located at a pre-selected perimeter location for receiving and dissipating handling forces over a broad area of said net matrix; and
a plurality of inter-engageable mechanical fastening devices carried by said flexible band at positions spaced around the perimeter of the net matrix in a pattern of positions adapted for conforming the ghillie suit to a human wearer and also adapted for engaging the ghillie suit to one or more juxtaposed like ghillie suits.
- [c2] 2. The ghillie suit of claim 1, wherein:
said flexible band is of suitable width to be received through openings of said net matrix; and

the band is engaged with the net matrix by weaving through openings of the net matrix.

- [c3] 3. The ghillie suit of claim 2, wherein:
said flexible band is engaged with the net matrix by sewing the band to the net matrix.
- [c4] 4. The ghillie suit of claim 1, wherein:
said flexible band comprises an elongated strip of material, folded longitudinally and receiving an edge of said net matrix within the fold; and
the band is engaged with the net matrix by sewing the edge of the net matrix within the fold.
- [c5] 5. The ghillie suit of claim 1, wherein:
the edge of said net matrix defines a corner; and
said flexible band forms a transitional loop at said corner, redirecting the band around the corner and providing a handling loop at the corner.
- [c6] 6. The ghillie suit of claim 5, wherein:
at least one of said mechanical fastening devices is carried by said flexible band at an intersection thereof at said transitional loop, securing together ends of the band forming the loop.
- [c7] 7. The ghillie suit of claim 5, wherein:
least one of said mechanical fastening devices comprises

a snap fastener having rivet style attachment to said band; and
said snap fastener is attached by said rivet style attachment through crossing ends of said band forming the transitional loop.

[c8] 8. The ghillie suit of claim 1, wherein:
said inter-engageable mechanical fastening devices are selected from the group consisting of snap fasteners, zippers, hook-and-loop fasteners, and combinations thereof.

[c9] 9. The ghillie suit of claim 1, wherein:
said net matrix defines a body garment portion of the ghillie suit and a hood portion of the ghillie suit:
said hood portion is generally rectangular and defines a top edge bounded by pair of top corners;
said body garment portion is generally rectangular and defines a top edge bounded by a pair of top corners, opposite side edges, and a bottom edge;
said flexible band extends along said top edge of the hood portion and forms a transitional loop at each of the top corners of the hood portion; and
the flexible band extends along said top edge of the body garment portion and forms a transitional loop at each of the top corners of the body garment portion.

[c10] 10. The ghillie suit of claim 9, wherein:
said body garment portion of the ghillie suit defines a partial upward leg slit from said bottom edge to define a pair of leg portions;
said flexible band engages the perimeter of the body garment portion at the side edges thereof and at the edges of said leg slit;
said fastening devices comprise leg zipper halves attached to said band at the opposite edges of said leg slit and lower side zipper halves attached to said band near the bottom edge of the body garment portion at the opposite side edges thereof, wherein:
the lower side zipper halves are engageable with each other whereby a plurality of adjacently arranged ghillie suits are attachable by the lower side zipper halves;
the leg zipper halves are engageable with each other whereby the leg slit is closeable; and
each lower side zipper half is engageable with a juxtaposed leg zipper half to form a leg tube.

[c11] 11. The ghillie suit of claim 9, wherein:
said flexible band engages the perimeter of said body garment portion at the side edges thereof;
said fastening devices comprise upper side zipper halves attached to said band near the top edge of the body garment at the opposite side edges thereof, whereby the

body garment portion is closeable by engaging the upper side zipper halves.

[c12] 12. The ghillie suit of claim 11, further comprising:
a breast piece formed of a piece of net fabric carrying camouflage strips, and a flexible border band on at least opposite side edges thereof;
a breast piece zipper half, carried on each side border band of the breast piece, engageable with said upper side zipper halves of said body garment portion for attaching the breast piece between the upper side zipper halves and closing the body garment.

[c13] 13. The ghillie suit of claim 9, further comprising:
a pair of shoulder straps attached at one end centrally to said flexible band on the top edge of the body garment portion; and
means for attaching the second end of the shoulder straps to the flexible band on the top edge of the body garment portion.

[c14] 14. The ghillie suit of claim 1, further comprising:
a liner of substantially the same shape as said net matrix and carrying near the perimeter thereof a plurality of attachment belts having means for closing the belts to form a loop;
wherein said attachment belts are looped and closed

around said flexible band to secure the liner in the ghillie suit.

[c15] 15. The ghillie suit of claim 14, wherein:
said liner is formed of a camouflage print fabric.

[c16] 16. The ghillie suit of claim 14, wherein:
said liner carries a plurality of fasteners, engageable with
said mechanical fastening devices, at positions spaced
around the perimeter of the liner in a pattern substan-
tially matching the positions of the mechanical fastening
devices, whereby the liner is engageable with one or
more juxtaposed like ghillie suits or liners.